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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT UNDER PCT RULE 13.1

Applicant hereby elects Species I directed to Figures 1 and 2 with claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19 and 20 being readable thereon. It is Applicant's position that claims 1 and 17 are generic and read on several of the embodiments.

Favorable action on the merits is requested.

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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.